CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1.   A method comprising:

displaying a first graphical user interface (GUI) on a display screen, the first GUI being associated with a program operatively configured on a first computing device; and

displaying a second GUI on said display screen over said first GUI, the second GUI being associated with a program operatively configured on a second computing device that is operatively connected to said first computing device, and wherein said second GUI is displayed on substantially the full screen of said display screen and includes at least one identifier that identifies that said second GUI is not associated with said first computing device.

2.   The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein at least one of said first and said second GUIs is a desktop GUI associated with an operating system.

3.   The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein at least one of said first and said second GUIs is an application GUI associated with an application program.

4.   The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein said second GUI is displayed in full screen mode on said display screen, such that none of said first GUI is visible to said user.

5.   The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein said at least one identifier is selectively displayed for a defined period of time and then no longer displayed until reactivated.

6.   The method as recited in Claim 5, wherein said at least one identifier is reactivated after a defined period of time expires since said at least one identifier was last displayed.

7.   The method as recited in Claim 5, wherein said at least one identifier is reactivated after the user causes a pointing device controlled cursor to enter into a defined region of said second GUI.

8.   The method as recited in Claim 5, wherein said at least one identifier is reactivated after the user causes a pointing device controlled cursor to enter into a defined region of said second GUI and said cursor remains in said region for a definable period of time.

9.   The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein said at least one identifier is selectively displayed based on at least one user keyboard input.

10. The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein said at least one identifier is selectively displayed by said program operatively configured on said second computing device.

11. The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein said at least one identifier includes information identifying said second computing device.

12. The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein said at least one identifier includes at least one user selectable feature that is operatively configured to provide at least one user input to said second computing device.

13. A method comprising:

generating graphical user interface (GUI) data suitable for being displayed on a display screen, the GUI data being associated with a program operatively configured on a computing device that is configurable to be operatively coupled to another computing device,

wherein said another computing device is connected to said display screen and if displayed on said display screen said GUI data is configured to use substantially the full screen of said display screen, and

wherein said GUI data includes data for displaying at least one identifier that identifies that said GUI data is associated with said computing device.

14. The method as recited in Claim 13, wherein said GUI data includes desktop GUI data associated with an operating system running on said computing device.

15. The method as recited in Claim 13, wherein said GUI data includes application GUI data associated with an application program running on said computing device.

16. A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing acts comprising:

displaying a first graphical user interface (GUI) on a display screen, the first GUI being associated with a program operatively configured on a first computing device; and

displaying a second GUI on said display screen over said first GUI, the second GUI being associated with a program operatively configured on a second computing device that is operatively connected to said first computing device, and wherein said second GUI is displayed on substantially the full screen of said display screen and includes at least one identifier that identifies that said second GUI is not associated with said first computing device.

17. The computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 16, wherein at least one of said first and said second GUIs is a desktop GUI associated with an operating system.

18. The computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 16, wherein at least one of said first and said second GUIs is an application GUI associated with an application program.

19. The computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 16, wherein said at least one identifier is selectively displayed for a defined period of time and then no longer displayed until reactivated.

20. The computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 16, wherein said at least one identifier includes information identifying said second computing device.

21. The computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 16, wherein said at least one identifier includes at least one user selectable feature that is operatively configured to provide at least one user input to said second computing device.

22. A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing acts comprising:

generating graphical user interface (GUI) data suitable for being displayed on a display screen, the GUI data being associated with a program operatively configured on a computing device that is configurable to be operatively coupled to another computing device,

wherein said another computing device is connected to said display screen and generating said GUI data such that if displayed on said display screen said GUI data uses substantially the full screen of said display screen, and

generating said GUI data to include data for displaying at least one identifier that identifies that said GUI data is associated with said computing device.

23. The computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 22, wherein said GUI data includes desktop GUI data associated with an operating system running on said computing device.

24. The computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 22, wherein said GUI data includes application GUI data associated with an application program running on said computing device.

25. A system comprising:

a display screen;

a communication link;

a first computing device operatively coupled to said display screen and said communication link, and configured to display a first graphical user interface (GUI) on said display screen, the first GUI being associated with a program running on said first computing device;

a second computing device operatively coupled to said communication link and thusly said first computing device, said second computing device being configured to display a second GUI on said display screen over said first GUI, the

second GUI being associated with a program operatively configured on said second computing device, and wherein said second GUI is displayed on substantially the full screen of said display screen and includes at least one identifier that identifies that said second GUI is not associated with said first computing device.

26.   The system as recited in Claim 25, wherein at least one of said first and said second GUIs is a desktop GUI associated with an operating system.

27.   The system as recited in Claim 25, wherein at least one of said first and said second GUIs is an application GUI associated with an application program.

28.   The system as recited in Claim 25, wherein said second GUI is displayed in full screen mode on said display screen, such that none of said first GUI is visible to said user.

29.   The system as recited in Claim 25, wherein said at least one identifier is selectively displayed for a defined period of time and then no longer displayed until reactivated.

30.   The system as recited in Claim 29, wherein said at least one identifier is reactivated after a defined period of time expires since said at least one identifier was last displayed.

31. The system as recited in Claim 29, wherein said at least one identifier is reactivated after the user causes a pointing device controlled cursor to enter into a defined region of said second GUI.

32. The system as recited in Claim 29, further comprising:

a pointing device operatively coupled to said first computing device; and

wherein said at least one identifier is reactivated after the user causes a pointing device controlled cursor to enter into a defined region of said second GUI and said cursor remains in said region for a definable period of time.

33. The system as recited in Claim 25, wherein said at least one identifier is selectively displayed based on at least one user keyboard input.

34. The system as recited in Claim 25, wherein said at least one identifier is selectively displayed by said second computing device.

35. The system as recited in Claim 25, wherein said at least one identifier includes information identifying said second computing device.

36. The system as recited in Claim 25, wherein said at least one identifier includes at least one user selectable feature that is operatively configured to provide at least one user input to said second computing device.

37. An apparatus comprising:

a computing device capable of being operatively connected to at least one other computing device through an interconnecting communication channel, said computing device having logic configured to generate graphical user interface (GUI) data suitable for display on a display screen coupled to said other computing device, wherein if displayed on said display screen said GUI data is configured to use substantially the full screen of said display screen, and wherein said GUI data includes data for displaying at least one identifier that identifies that said GUI data is associated with said computing device.

38. The apparatus as recited in Claim 37, wherein said GUI data includes desktop GUI data associated with operating system logic configured on said computing device.

39. The apparatus as recited in Claim 37, wherein said GUI data includes application GUI data associated with application program logic configured on said computing device.

40. A method comprising:

displaying a first graphical user interface (GUI) on a display screen, the first GUI being associated with a first program; and

displaying a second GUI on said display screen over said first GUI, the second GUI being associated with a second program, and wherein said second GUI is displayed on substantially the full screen of said display screen and includes at least one identifier that identifies that said second GUI is not associated with said first program.

41. The method as recited in Claim 40, wherein at least one of said first and said second GUIs is a desktop GUI associated with an operating system.

42. The method as recited in Claim 40, wherein at least one of said first and said second GUIs is an application GUI associated with an application program.

43. The method as recited in Claim 40, wherein said second GUI is displayed in full screen mode on said display screen, such that none of said first GUI is visible to said user.

44. The method as recited in Claim 40, wherein said at least one identifier is selectively displayed for a defined period of time and then no longer displayed until reactivated.

45. The method as recited in Claim 44, wherein said at least one identifier is reactivated after a defined period of time expires since said at least one identifier was last displayed.

46. The method as recited in Claim 44, wherein said at least one identifier is reactivated after the user causes a pointing device controlled cursor to enter into a defined region of said second GUI.

47. The method as recited in Claim 44, wherein said at least one identifier is reactivated after the user causes a pointing device controlled cursor to enter into a defined region of said second GUI and said cursor remains in said region for a definable period of time.

48. The method as recited in Claim 40, wherein said at least one identifier is selectively displayed based on at least one user keyboard input.

49. The method as recited in Claim 40, wherein said at least one identifier includes information identifying said second program.

50. The method as recited in Claim 40, wherein said at least one identifier includes at least one user selectable feature that is operatively configured to provide at least one user input to said second program.

51. The method as recited in Claim 40, wherein said first program and said second program are operatively running on at least one processing unit within a single computer.

52. The method as recited in Claim 40, wherein said first program and said second program are operatively running on at processing units within different computers.

53. A computer readable medium having computer implementable instructions for performing acts comprising:

displaying a first graphical user interface (GUI) on a display screen, the first GUI being associated with a first program; and

displaying a second GUI on said display screen over said first GUI, the second GUI being associated with a second program, and wherein said second GUI is displayed on substantially the full screen of said display screen and includes at least one identifier that identifies that said second GUI is not associated with said first program.

54. The computer readable medium as recited in Claim 53, wherein at least one of said first and said second GUIs is a desktop GUI associated with an operating system.

55. The computer readable medium as recited in Claim 53, wherein at least one of said first and said second GUIs is an application GUI associated with an application program.

56. The computer readable medium as recited in Claim 53, wherein said second GUI is displayed in full screen mode on said display screen, such that none of said first GUI is visible to said user.

57. The computer readable medium as recited in Claim 53, wherein said at least one identifier is selectively displayed for a defined period of time and then no longer displayed until reactivated.

58. The computer readable medium as recited in Claim 57, wherein said at least one identifier is reactivated after a defined period of time expires since said at least one identifier was last displayed.

59. The computer readable medium as recited in Claim 57, wherein said at least one identifier is reactivated after the user causes a pointing device controlled cursor to enter into a defined region of said second GUI.

60. The computer readable medium as recited in Claim 57, wherein said at least one identifier is reactivated after the user causes a pointing device controlled cursor to enter into a defined region of said second GUI and said cursor remains in said region for a definable period of time.

61. The computer readable medium as recited in Claim 53, wherein said at least one identifier is selectively displayed based on at least one user keyboard input.

62. The computer readable medium as recited in Claim 53, wherein said at least one identifier includes information identifying said second program.

63. The computer readable medium as recited in Claim 53, wherein said at least one identifier includes at least one user selectable feature that is operatively configured to provide at least one user input to said second program.

64. The computer readable medium as recited in Claim 53, wherein said first program and said second program are operatively running on at least one processing unit within a single computer.

65. The computer readable medium as recited in Claim 53, wherein said first program and said second program are operatively running on at processing units within different computers.